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Subject: Comment on draft order, for your consideration

Rudy -- Good seeing you the other day. Sorry to have been a few days to respond to this message. Thanks for the contact info for you and for the industry folks. I will follow up with at least some of them.

The rice waiver program seems to be doing reasonably well. It is pretty satisfying to see the progress.

The comment on the Dairy WDR's was as follows:
Necessary and sufficient professional certification requirements for preparation of annual reports, proposed interim facility modifications to improve storage capacity and to balance nitrogen, waste management plan, salinity report, and other work associated with irrigation water, nutrient, and salinity management should require Certified Professional Soil Scientist, Agronomist, Registered Professional Soil Scientist, and/or a Certified Nutrient Management Specialist. Analysis and planning of piping, storage, and mechanical treatment facilities should require a California Registered Professional Civil Engineer.

ARCPACS web page is <http://www.agronomy.org/certification/?check>. NSCSS is <http://www.nscss.org/soil.html>. I did contact ARCPACS regarding the Order and the registration requirements.

The nice thing about the ARCPACS program is that they have educational, experience, and examination requirements, and the certification is recognized nationally. I, for example, have done NMPs for clients for years on the basis of of, among other things, this certification. National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists, who used to administer a separate exam and check quals, now require ARCPACS certification, consulting soil scientist standing, as well as professional ethics training and signing of a code of ethics for their registry (Registered Professional Soil Scientist). I was involved in preparing the first CPSS exams, and am on the NSCSS Board of Examiners. Both registries should meet your goals.

Feel free to call me with any questions, as necessary. All best.

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